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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON US REFUSAL OF VIGGEN SALE TO
INDIA

1. FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PRE-
PARED: BEGIN TEXT:

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS REFUSED TO
APPROVE SWEDEN'S REQUEST TO SELL THE VIGGEN AIRCRAFT
TO INDIA?

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A: YES. IN VIEW OF OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH SWEDEN
WE VERY MUCH REGRET THAT THIS DECISION WAS NECESSARY.

Q: WHY DID WE REFUSE?

A: APPROVAL OF THIS SALE WOULD HAVE BEEN INCONSISTENT
WITH OUR ARMS TRANSFER RESTRAINT POLICY. MOREOVER, BY

LAW THE STANDARD WE APPLY TO SUCH TRANSFERS IS WHETHER THE U.S. ITSELF WOULD MAKE THE TRANSFER, AND WE WOULD NOT SELL SUCH AIRCRAFT TO INDIA OR PAKISTAN.

Q: WHY WAS U.S. APPROVAL NECESSARY?

A: THE VIGGEN IS EQUIPPED WITH A U.S. ENGINE AND OTHER COMPONENTS UNDER ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY U.S. AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED FOR SALES TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

Q: HOW WAS THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT INFORMED?

A: UNDER SECRETARY BENSON INFORMED THE SWEDISH CHARGE THURSDAY, JULY 6. END TEXT.

2. COPY OF FOREGOING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO SWEDISH EMBASSY.

3. INDIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED OF OUR DECISION TO DENY SALE OF VIGGEN TO INDIA. VANCE

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